

July 15, 2004

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE, Room 116  
Washington, DC 20426

Oroville Facilities Relicensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Project No. 2100 - Semi-Annual Progress Report

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed are an original and eight CD-ROM copies of the Department of Water Resources' (Department) six-month Progress Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Department is submitting this six-month Progress Report, covering the period beginning January 11 through July 11, 2004, pursuant to FERC's Alternative Licensing Procedures, as required by Section 4.34(6)(ii) of FERC Order 596.

During the reporting period, our primary achievements were as follows:

- Hosted kick-off settlement negotiations and established the Oroville Facilities Relicensing Settlement Negotiations structure, process and groundrules; provided negotiations training for settlement negotiations participants and hosted an issue-oriented site tour for settlement negotiations participants;
- Established separate negotiation discussions with Tribal representatives to supplement consultation compliance with the Federal Power Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act;
- Hosted an operations modeling seminar for stakeholders to discuss temperature sensitivity analyses;
- Distributed the Oroville Facilities Draft Application for New License and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment Progress Summary for public, stakeholder, and agency review;
- Released the Initial Settlement Agreement and initiated negotiation of substantive settlement issues with negotiation sub-groups and Tribes; and,
- Completed and distributed through July 11 a total of 113 final study plan reports (out of a total of 181 reports).

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As the attached CD-ROM copies of our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site show, the Department continues to share a voluminous record with the collaborative through its web site posting of the Draft Application for New License, reports, meeting summaries including resource action matrices and Study Plan narrative reports, and Study Plan interim and final reports.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me at (916) 653-5062.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by**

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